

# 7-12-4 **PENGUINS** §



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# **NEW KID ON THE BLOCK**

On Monday, the Penguins acquired Philip Tomasino from the Nashville Predators in exchange for a 2027 fourth-round draft pick.

- Tomasino, who was originally drafted by Nashville in the first round (24th overall) in 2019, has spent the previous five seasons with the Predators organization, splitting time between the NHL and AHL.
- In 159 career NHL games, the 23-year old has tallied 23 goals, 48 assists and 71 points:

Tomasino's NHL Career by Season					
Year	GP	Goals	Assists	Points	
2021-22	76	11	21	32	
2022-23	31	5	13	18	
2023-24	41	7	20	20	
2024-25	11	0	1	1	

- In 89 career AHL games with Chicago and Milwaukee, Tomasino has tallied 36 goals, 46 assists and 82 points.
- The Mississauga, Ontario native played three seasons in the Ontario Hockey League with the Niagara IceDogs and Oshawa Generals. recording 79 goals, 117 assists and 196 points.



■ Tomasino played in Nashville with new teammate Cody Glass from 2021-24, including stints on the same line.

#### MALK-A-MANIA

Tonight marks the second and final meeting between the Penguins and Vancouver Canucks this season. The Canucks took the first game, 4-3, in Vancouver on Oct. 26.

- Evgeni Malkin factored in on all three goals in the last matchup, tallying a goal and two assists.
- Malkin has 19 points over his last nine games against the Canucks, recording seven goals, 12 assists and 19 points.
- In 23 career games against Vancouver, Malkin has registered 13 goals, 16 assists and 29 points. His 1.26 points-per-game average is the fourth highest among all active players (min. 20 GP):

# PTS/GP vs. VAN

Active Players				
1.	Connor McDavid	1.63		
2.	Steven Stamkos	1.43		
3.	Kyle Connor	1.29		
4.	Evgeni Malkin	1.26		
	<b>Evgeni Malkin</b> Mats Zuccarello	<b>1.26</b> 1.17		
5.				



# SULLY SAYS

Head Coach Mike Sullivan enters tonight's game with 499 career wins in the regular season and playoffs split between the Penguins and Boston Bruins.

■ Tonight will be Sullivan's 948th career game and he is set to become the fastest U.S.-born head coach in NHL history to reach 500 wins in the regular season and playoffs:

#### Games to 500 Wins

U.S.-Born Head Coaches

1.	Mike Sullivan	948*
2.	Peter Laviolette	968
3.	John Tortorella	1,046





#### **OFFENSIVE DEFENSEMEN**

Kris Letang and Erik Karlsson have consistently put up points against the Vancouver Canucks throughout their careers.

- Karlsson has only been held off the scoresheet twice in his last 15 games against the Canucks, recording 17 points (2G-15A) in that span.
- Letang has eight points (1G-7A) in his last eight games against Vancouver.
- Among all active defensemen with at least 20 games played against the Canucks, Letang and Karlsson's points-per-game averages are the third and fourth highest, respectively:

# PTS/GP vs. VAN

Active Defensemen

1.	John Carlson	0.95
2.	Dougie Hamilton	0.76
3.	Kris Letang	0.73
4.	Erik Karlsson	0.70
5.	Alex Pietrangelo	0.65



### BY THE NUMBERS

The Penguins have points in five-consecutive home games against the Canucks (3-0-2) dating back to Oct. 16, 2018. Pittsburgh scored four-plus goals in three of the five games.

Sidney Crosby has 24 points (12G-12A) in 24 career games against the Canucks, including points in 11 of his last 15 games against them [8G-9A].

Evgeni Malkin's 1.26 points per game versus Vancouver is his second highest against a Western Co. ( Western Conference opponent (Winnipeg, 1.29).

Rickard Rakell has 21 points (11G-10A) in 32 career games against the Canucks. His teams are 21-6-5 against Vancouver when he dresses.